CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1 to 89 (canceled)

90. (currently amended) A method for moisturizing the eye comprising spraying a mist consisting essentially of droplets of water having an average diameter between 5 and 150 microns on the surface of the eye of a subject in need thereof, wherein the amount of water that is sprayed on the eye is sufficient to hydrate the aqueous layer of the tear film on the eye of the subject but is below that which will flood the eye, and wherein the mist is sprayed from a device comprising a sealed container, water within said container, and an actuator for spraying a mist of water from said container, and wherein the water is sprayed on the surface of the eye within a period of 10 seconds.

91. (previously presented) The method of claim 90 wherein the subject is suffering from dry eye.

92. (previously presented) The method of claim 90 wherein proteins and electrolytes that were present in the tear film on the surface of the eye prior to the delivery of the aqueous fluid are present in the tear film following the delivery of the aqueous fluid to the surface of the eye as determined by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).

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93.   (previously presented)   The method of claim 90 wherein the device further comprises a sealed flexible pouch containing said water within said container and a pressurization agent between said container and said pouch.

94.   (withdrawn)   A device for moisturizing the surface of the eye comprising a sealed container, an aqueous fluid within said container, and an actuator that delivers a mist of said fluid from said container.

95.   (withdrawn)   The device of claim 94 which further comprises a sealed flexible pouch within said container, which pouch contains said aqueous fluid, and a pressurization agent between said container and said pouch.

96.   (withdrawn)   The device of claim 94 wherein said aqueous fluid consists essentially of water.

97.   (new)   The method of claim 90 wherein the water is sprayed within a period of 5 seconds.